The attached Rosen to DeLoach memo of 11/16/66 from the FBI main JFK assassination file was in a stack on my desk, copied quite some time ago for purposes I do not recall.

I think it may be useful to students to give them an understanding of the to me extraordinary attention simple questions even suggesting a flaw in the FBI's investigation got.

Alex Rosen was then assistant director in charge of the General Investigative Division. DeLoach, immediately above him in the hierarchy, was the route to Hoover, who was never, ever, to my knowledge, ever addressed by name.

Obviously, it answered nothing for the FBI to refer Lifton to the Warren Commission's records because the Commission took no testimony from Sibert or O'Neill and because it never asked the FBI to explain this part of that report and the FBI never volunteered to do that. This meaningless referral was then and later FBI SOP.

Of the initials I can identify on the second page Supervisor Kenneth M. Raupach is of lowest rank. J.R.Malley was Rosen's first assistant and had been liaison with the Commission. The check mark is Clyde Tolson's initial. He then was second to Hoover. The capital D with the long diagonal flourish was DeLoach's mark. I do not place the other D. The "OK H" is Hoover's approval.

Raupach wrote this memo.

This indicates the extraordinary amount of top-echelon FBI time that was taken up by simple, ordinary inquiries, of which there were a great number.

I think it also reflects the FBI's concern for its public image as a result of the deficiencies in its JFK investigation.

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